Mr.P. Nilakanta Menon.—Two or three months.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—And you will not be able to say whether he is fit or not?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is too early. There are others also. It can be said finally only after three months when the training is over.

Pulaya Peon—Pazhayannur Hospital.

146. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) whether a Pulaya, who was appointed recently as a peon in the Hospital, Pazhayannur, resigned his post the second day after his joining duty there ;

(2) whether the Medical Department has made any enquiry on his immediate resignation ;

(3) whether the Department has received any complaint from the Pulaya ;

(4) whether the Department knows that he was forced to resign his post owing to the unsympathetic treatment he received from the doctor in charge of the Hospital ;

(5) who the doctor is and also what his caste is ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes (Thotti).

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) It is understood that he resigned the post and went away due to his inconvenience for boarding and lodging.

(5) Mr. P. A. Rama Ayyar—*Brahmin*.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—(3) What was the complaint from the thotti?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He said he was frightened to live there. There is a series of complaints, that the medical officer was not sympathetic, that it was difficult to find food that he will be killed if he lived there.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Has the Chief Medical Officer made any inquiry on the allegation that the doctor was not sympathetic towards the thotti?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—What is the result of the inquiry?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He has denied the allegation. Still proceedings are going on.

Accommodation—General Hospital.

147. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following questions:—

(a) have the Government received any complaint about any untoward incident that took place on 20th Chingam 1107 in the Maternity Section of the General Hospital, Ernakulam;

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(b) have they made any enquiry on the complaint and if they have, what is the result of the enquiry;

(c) how many cots and patients were there in the Amma Rani Ward of the Hospital on 20th Chingam 1107;

(d) were there three patients in any single cot that day;

(e) is it a general practice in the hospital to lay more than one patient in a cot;

(f) when a new patient is admitted to a cot, are not the beddings used by the previous patient removed and replaced by fresh ones; does the complaint referred to in sub-division (a) of this question contain allegation to the contrary;

(g) has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer made any reports to the Police and the Chairman of the Ernakulam Municipality in connection with the incidents referred to in sub-division (a) of this question, what were the replies he got from the police and the Chairman?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) the matter is under investigation-

(c) 15 cots and 29 patients.

(d) No. When there is an influx of patients, they usually sleep on the floor where quilts will be provided for.

(e) No.

(f) Yes. They are removed and replaced by fresh ones except the bed. (a) Yes,

(g) Yes. The replies cannot be disclosed at present.

Arrest and Imprisonment of Judgment-Debtors.

148. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state what is now done with the judgment-debtors who are arrested and brought before the court on a day when the Judge or Munsiff is on leave or absent on duty elsewhere;

(b) whether the Chief Ministerial Officer is empowered in all the Courts to send them to Jail;

(c) will the Government be pleased to state whether any provision is made to release them on security, if they express their intention to apply to be made insolvents in the absence of the Presiding Officer?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The Member is referred to Article 48, Civil Rules of Practice.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

Charity Wakfs.

149. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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